

Title (en)

Heat exchanger including falling-film evaporator and refrigerant distribution system

Title (de)

Wärmetauscher mit Berieselungsverdampfer und Kühlmittelverteilungssystem

Title (fr)

Echangeur de chaleur avec évaporateur à film tombant et système de distribution de réfrigérant

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Abstract (en)

A horizontal shell-and-tube heat exchanger operable as a falling-film evaporator and refrigerant distribution system is disclosed. The system includes an inline heat exchanger tube bank (15) operating in a falling-film evaporation mode, including a plurality of unstaggered rows of heat exchanger tubes, wherein the rows are substantially vertically aligned with spaces separating the rows, and a supply for providing refrigerant. At least one refrigerant distribution mechanism (12) in fluid communication with the supply and having a refrigerant exit in proximity to the plurality of rows of heat exchanger tubes (15) is provided with a plurality of baffles (14) positioned at the refrigerant exit. Each of the baffles (14) is in substantial alignment with one of the spaces, extending over the one of the spaces to direct refrigerant from the exit of the distribution mechanism (10) away from the spaces and onto the substantially vertical aligned rows of heat exchanger tubes (15). <IMAGE>

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